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## **SEN. BASHAM'S LEGISLATION SIGNED INTO LAW**

LANSING- State Sen. Ray Basham (D-Taylor) stated that he was honored to have his bill signed into law today by Governor Jennifer Granholm. Sen. Basham's bill, SB 599, makes it easier for public school teachers and school professionals to have their children attend school in the same district in which they work.

"I want to thank Governor Granholm for giving Michigan's public school teachers the peace of mind in knowing that they can now have their children nearby and also avoid the challenges of conflicting school schedules, if they prefer," said Sen. Basham. "This bill removes certain bureaucratic obstacles that could potentially keep parent and child apart."

Currently, under the Schools for Choice program, teachers and parents may choose to send their children to a district outside their home district, provided that the accepting district participates in the program and operates in the same or a contiguous district. However, under certain circumstances, a Schools of Choice district may refuse to accept a non-resident student or a school district may simply choose not to participate in the Choice program.

"Our public school teachers and school personnel provide an important service to the community. The least we can do is support these individuals and their families by ensuring their children are not denied the opportunity to be near them," said Basham. "I am pleased that

Governor Granholm and my House and Senate colleagues recognized the necessity for this legislation and supported my efforts to win its approval.”

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